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Application of: Jozef Dechamps
Appl'n No.: 10/629,355
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Petitions Attorney: Patricia Faison-Ball
For: METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY
DETERMINING AN IMPOSITION PLAN

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.47(b)**

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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March 29, 2004

Dear Ms. Faison-Ball:

This letter responds to the deficiencies noted in the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(b) date mailed Feb. 26, 2004. Also attached is a Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Item (1)

In response to Item (1) of the Decision, I hereby submit the attached Affidavit of Mr. Marc De Niel. This Affidavit satisfies the requirements of MPEP 409.03(d) in that Mr. De Niel provides *firsthand knowledge of the facts* that he personally visited Mr. Dechamps at his home on March 19, 2004 and presented him with the patent application papers as filed for 10/629,355, including the specification, claims and drawings, as well as a Declaration and Power of Attorney and an Assignment. Mr. Dechamps refused to sign the Declaration and Power of Attorney and the Assignment after receiving and reviewing the above documents.

Item (2)

A Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by a registered U.S. patent attorney on behalf of AGFA-GEVAERT is attached in accordance with MPEP 409.03(b).

Item (5)

The attached Legal Memorandum is submitted to provide proof of proprietary interest in the patent application by AGFA-GEVAERT.

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Item (6)

The attached Statement is submitted to establish that a filing date is necessary to preserve the rights of AGFA-GEVAERT.

I believe that the above responses together with the attachments will overcome the deficiencies in the previously filed Petition. Earlier filed documents in the Dutch language are extraneous and unnecessary to fulfill the response requirements. However if required, translations of earlier filed documents can be provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized under this general authorization to debit any fees due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 501490.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: copy of Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(b),
Declaration and Power of Attorney,
Affidavit,
Legal Memorandum,
Statement Under MPEP 409.03(g)
Certificate of Facsimile

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